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12 November 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM

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[redacted]
Chief, Management & Assessment Staff, DDA

SUBJECT

: CIA Metric Working Group

1. Since the departure of [redacted] for OTS, DDA has been without a representative on the Agency's Metrication Working Group. * In consequence of the enactment of Public Law 94-168, dated 23 December 1975, which decreed as national policy the increased use of the metric system, etc., Agency [redacted] dated 10 May 1976 (copy attached), sponsored by the Group, committed the Agency by 20 November 1976 to use of metric units in its intelligence reporting.

2. The attached memorandum (B) from [redacted] Chairman of the Agency Metrication Working Group, alerts the members of the Group to the imminence of the conversion date. I have checked what files we have and find nothing to hint that total conversion at this time will adversely affect DDA in any way.

3. I called [redacted] to confirm that we saw no problem, but also to ascertain whether this conversion marked the end of the working group. He said, "no," the working group will continue its existence. It has, [redacted] responsibility for "the whole ball of wax."

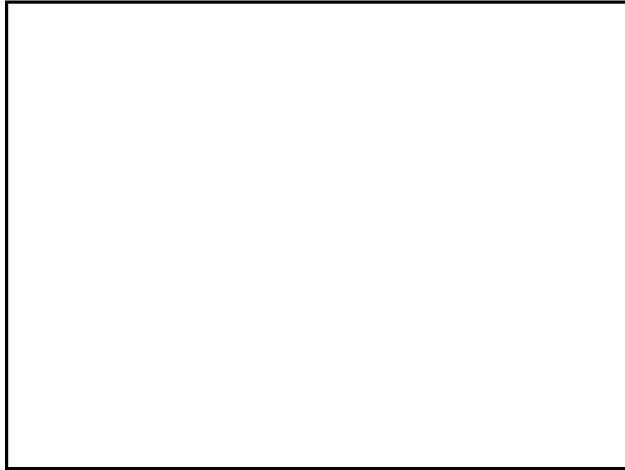
4. At the present time, the working group in the Agency is under the chairmanship of [redacted] who also serves as the Agency Metric Coordinator (liaison with group of Federal Agency Metric Coordinators under the auspices of the National Bureau of Standards) and serves as the CIA member of the USIB Metric Panel. Membership of our Agency group includes:

*This is my nomenclature. I can find no reference in the file of an official name.

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5. The activities of this group since its inception appear to have been primarily in response to requirements from the USIB Metric Panel and have been confined to intelligence reporting. [] opines that there will not be a great deal of activity in the next couple of years. However, the area in which [] sees future activity is "hardware" oriented-- construction, procurement of equipment, maintenance, etc. In response to my question as to the qualifications of an individual representing DDA, he suggested a person possessing a background in engineering and knowledge of the logistics system of the Agency. As you recall, OL, Plans and Programs Staff, already possesses some expertise and experience in this area.

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6. I believe that the DDA will be forced to play an increasingly important role toward metrication within the Agency. This may or may not be some time in coming. [] informally indicated to me that he has expressed his desire to [] to relinquish the chairmanship of this group. Whatever the time span, I believe that we should be in a position to "act" rather than "react" to this responsibility. I recommend, therefore, that you consider the appointment of a senior individual from the Office of Logistics to represent the DDA on the present Metrication Working Group. I have in mind someone of the organizational stature, background, and competence of a [] We would look to this individual to carry out assigned functions of the Working Group but also to assure a good foundation if and when DDA is charged with direction of the metrication efforts.

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7. The above is for your consideration. Please let me know if you want me to take any other action.

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